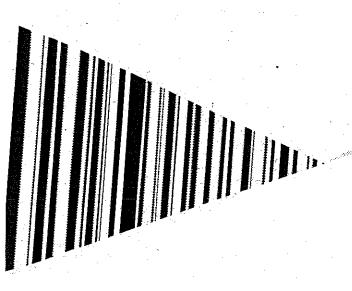
Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the New Mexico Film Production Tax Credit

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Executive Summary

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- The benefits of New Mexico's film production tax credit program extend beyond the direct
 and indirect economic impacts of film production activities qualifying for tax credits. In
 to support the film industry's growth in the state and additional film-related tourism.
- Film production activities in New Mexico created 2,220 direct jobs in 2007. This
 employment impact includes approximately 1,670 below the line employees earning
 \$49,500 annually and 550 actors, directors, and producers working in New Mexico. These
 employment impact of 3,829 jobs.
- Film-related capital expenditures and projected film tourism spending attributable to 2007 productions generated an estimated 3,769 direct jobs and 1,612 indirect jobs, resulting in 5,380 total jobs attributable to capital expenditures and film tourism.
- Combining the 2,220 direct jobs from film productions with the 3,769 jobs from capital
 expenditures and film tourism results in 5,989 total direct jobs attributable to the film
 production tax credit. These direct jobs create a total of 3,221 indirect jobs, resulting in a
 total employment impact of nearly 9,210 jobs.
- The economic activity created by the film production tax credit program also results in higher state and local tax collections. State tax collections resulting from film production activities in 2007 totaled \$22.6 million. Additional state tax impacts from capital expenditures in 2007 and film tourism during 2008-2011 are estimated to total \$21.5 million in 2007 dollars, resulting in a total state tax impact of \$44.1 million.
- Film production expenditures in 2007 qualified for \$49.4 million of state film production tax credits to be paid in 2008. Expressed in 2007 dollars, these film credits total \$47.1 million. Based on the 2007 value of present and future year tax receipts and the 2007 value of state film production tax credits, the program earns \$0.94 in additional tax revenue for each \$1.00 of state credits, resulting in combined state and local tax collections of \$1.50 for each \$1.00 of state credits.

Introduction

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The benefits of New Mexico's film production tax credit program extend beyond the direct and indirect economic impacts of film production activities qualifying for tax credits. In addition to the film spending, New Mexico's economy also benefits from capital investment to support the film industry's growth in the state and additional film-related tourism.

Description of the Film Production Tax Rebate Program

The New Mexico film production tax rebate program was adopted in 2002 at a rate of 15% of production expenses incurred during the production and post-production phases of each film in 2006.

In 2005 and 2006, the rate was increased twice bringing the rate to 25%

For qualified productions, spending that qualifies for the tax rebate includes payments to employees who are New Mexico residents, payments to non-resident actors who provide their services through a personal service corporation (subject to a \$20 million dollar cap on qualifying actor compensation), and all other direct production and post-production expenditures subject to and certain fringe benefits are excluded from spending that qualifies for the current 25% film production tax rebate.

Growth of the Film Tax Credit and the New Mexico Film Industry

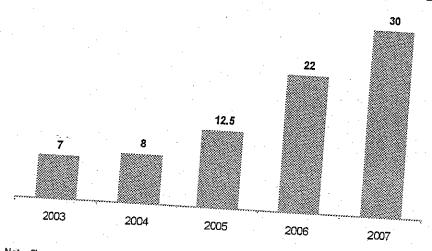
The New Mexico film production tax credit program has been successful in attracting an increasing number of films each year as shown in Figure 1. In 2007, 30 film projects qualifying for the credit were shot in New Mexico, a 36% increase from the 22 films that were shot in 2006 and more than four times the number that were shot in 2003. Of the 30 films shots in 2007 were award-winning and award-nominated films "No Country for Old Men", "3:10 to Yuma," and "Wild Hogs."

As shown in Figure 2, film spending in New Mexico has also increased significantly over the five year period, 2003-2007. In 2003, film productions in New Mexico had qualifying expenditures of \$23 million and estimated total expenditures (including expenditures on labor and other expenses that do not qualify for the credit) of \$29 million. By 2007, qualified spending grew to

\$198 million while total spending was an estimated \$253 million. The total budget for films produced in New Mexico in 2007 was \$575 million, meaning that 44% of these films' expenditures occurred in New Mexico. Only New Mexico expenditures are included in the analysis.

The information in Figures 1 and 2 shows that each time the rate of the film production tax credit has been increased, both the number of films qualifying for the film tax credit and total spending have increased significantly. In terms of total spending, when the credit rate was increased from 15% to 20% in 2005, total estimated spending rose from \$24 million to \$144 million. In the estimated \$223 million, a 55% increase from the prior year.

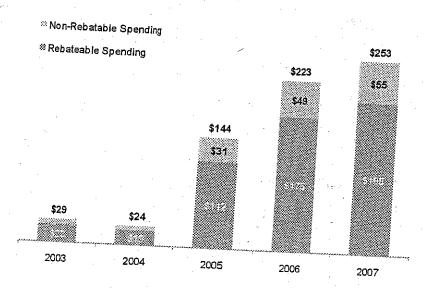
Figure 1: Number of Films Participating in the Credit Program, 2003-2007



Note: films that spanned two years are indicated as being half in the first year, half in the second year

¹ Note that the amount of qualified spending in any year does not equal the amount of spending receiving a rebate during the same calendar year due to the delay from the time a film applies for a rebate and begins production in New Mexico and the date on which the State incurs the expenditure cost for the rebate. This delay averages 15 months, meaning that most films shot in New Mexico during one year will not incur any cost to the state until the following year.

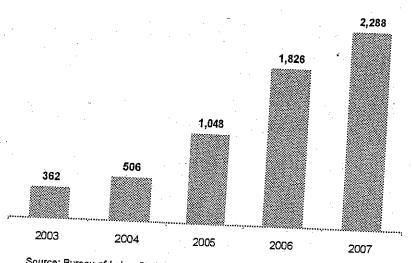
Figure 2: Annual Film Production Spending by Film Productions Participating in the Film Production tax Credit Program, 2003-2007



Employment in the film production industry has also increased significantly since the inception of the film production tax credit program. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes an estimate of the employment in the New Mexico film and video production industry based on the number of employees and wages covered by the unemployment insurance program. While data published by BLS does not fully capture the contribution of film production activities on the New Mexico labor force, it provides a useful starting point from which to evaluate the total employment contribution of film and video productions in New Mexico. As shown in Figure 3, employment in the New Mexico film and video production industry has increased by almost 2,000 people since 2003.

² While full and part-time employees are covered by the unemployment insurance program and therefore included in the BLS estimates, contract employees (for which unemployment insurance contributions are not required) are not included in the BLS estimates. Because film productions employ many actors, producers, directors, and employees who may work for production companies or personal service companies located in other states, the Bureau of Labor Statistics employment estimates understate the total size of the labor force involved in New Mexico film productions.

Figure 3: Employment in New Mexico Film Production Businesses*



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
*Data for NAICS 51211: Film and Video Production Industries

Economic Impact of the Film Production Tax Credit Program

This section presents estimates of the impact of the film production tax credit program on New Mexico's economy and briefly describes the methodology used to estimate the impacts. The analysis is designed to answer the following question: What is the economic impact of film productions participating in the film production tax credit program in 2007?

The tax credit program impacts the New Mexico economy through three channels: 1) increased film production activity, 2) increased investment in New Mexico film studios and equipment, and 3) spending by tourists who visit New Mexico or extend their trip to the state to see film-related attractions. Each of the three channels of economic impact result in direct, indirect, and induced economic impacts. These separate effects are estimated as described in the sections below, but can be generally characterized as follows:

- Direct impacts: The direct impact is the employment, income, or sales associated with the
 activity being modeled. These direct impacts include the spending by New Mexico film
 productions, studios investing in New Mexico, and tourists during their stay in New Mexico.
- Indirect impact: The direct impacts described above result in purchases of goods and services from other New Mexico firms (suppliers), which create multiplier effects as they are repeated throughout the state economy. The indirect impacts result from expenditures related to tangible property purchases as well as contract labor, business services, and other services provided by New Mexico firms.
- Induced impact: The wages paid to employees of film productions and firms that are
 affected by film-related capital investment and tourism result in substantial induced
 consumer spending. This spending generates additional economic activity as New Mexico's
 retailers and service providers expand to meet the additional demand for goods and
 services. To simplify the presentation of results, the indirect and induced impacts are
 combined and described as indirect effects.

Data Used in the Analysis

Ernst & Young worked with the New Mexico State Film Office to compile film spending and survey information that was used to estimate the impacts presented in this study. The data was obtained from three primary sources: 1) a survey of film industry employees and businesses related to the film industry, 2) budget information submitted by film productions during their application to the State Investment Council for participation loans, and 3) qualifying expenditures by all film productions participating in the film tax credit program as indicated on their application to the State Film Office.

- Survey: A survey of New Mexico film industry employees and businesses was conducted in the fall of 2008. The survey data was the primary source of wage information for below-theline employees and capital expenditure (construction and equipment spending) data.
- Loan Program Data: Total qualified and non-qualified film production spending for 21 films that received New Mexico State Investment Council loans was compiled by the State Film

Office. Information provided in the spending data includes the amount of total qualified New Mexico spending, qualified and non-qualified below-the-line labor spending, aggregate expenditures on actors', directors', and producers' salaries, and the number of principal actors, directors, and producers for each film.

 Film Production Tax Credit Application Data: Total film budgets and total New Mexico spending qualifying for the film tax credit was supplied for each year.

Economic Impact of Increased New Mexico Film Production Activity

The film production tax credit generated an estimated \$253 million of total spending by 30 New Mexico film productions in 2007. Examining total expenditures for 21 films that supplied complete budget information to the State Film Office and the State Investment Council reveals that 21% of film production expenditures in New Mexico do not qualify for the tax credit. In other words, productions incur an average of \$0.28 of expenses that do not qualify for the film tax credit for each dollar of expenses qualifying for the credit. Based on this average ratio of qualified to total spending, films that spent a total of \$198 million on labor, goods, and services that qualified for the film tax credit in 2007 also spent an estimated \$55 million on labor and other expenditures during their New Mexico production periods that did not qualify for the tax credit. The composition of expenditures is shown in Table 1. Although the \$55.2 million of expenditures does not qualify for the film tax credit, they generate economic activity and tax revenue for state and local governments in New Mexico.

Table 1 Qualified and Non-Qualified New Mexico Film Production Spending in 2007

Qualified Spending	\$197.7
Non-Qualified Spending: Non-qualified below-the-line spending Director and producer compensation	\$20.3 \$34.9
Total New Mexico Spending	\$252.8
Source: EY estimates based on State Investment	

Source: EY estimates based on State Investment Council loan program data

The film spending and survey data provided by the State Film Office was used to calibrate a model of the New Mexico economy supplied by Minnesota IMPLAN Group. These data show the average earnings of below-the-line employees (stage crew) to be \$49,500 while actors, directors, producers and other employees and contractors working on film productions earn significantly more, bringing the total average compensation to \$82,400 and output (production spending) per worker to be nearly \$114,000. This implies that 72% of the cost of production for New Mexico films was labor cost. Based on total labor compensation of \$168 million in 2007 and an average wage of \$82,400, films produced in New Mexico employed an estimated 2,220 people in 2007.

The economic model of the State of New Mexico was adjusted to reflect the average compensation and output of workers described above. The adjusted model was then used to estimate the total personal income, including employee compensation, proprietor's earnings, and other property-type income (payments to capital). Based on the film spending data supplied by the State Film Office and the adjusted state economic model, the direct personal income impact of film productions in New Mexico during 2007 was nearly \$203 million.

The direct impacts of New Mexico film productions, shown in Table 2, were used as inputs to the adjusted state economic model. As shown in Table 2, the IMPLAN model estimates that direct film production expenditures of \$253 million created an additional \$166 million in indirect economic output, resulting in an estimated total of \$418 million of economic output attributable to film production activities in 2007.³

Direct employment of 2,220 workers by film productions in New Mexico indirectly created an estimated 1,609 additional employees in other sectors of the economy, totaling more than 3,800 total employees in 2007. Based on the estimated indirect output and employment from New Mexico film productions, an estimated \$85 million of indirect personal income was created from film production activities in 2007; total direct and indirect income was \$288 million.

Table 2
Economic Impact of Film Production Activities in 2007

Film Production Activities	Direct	Indirect	Total
Output (\$mil)	\$252.8	\$165.5	\$418.3
Income (\$mil)	\$202.9	\$85.0	\$287.9
Employment	2,220	1,609	3,829

Impact of Film-Related Capital Expenditures in 2007

Capital expenditures related to the expansion of film industry infrastructure in New Mexico totaled \$115 million in 2007. Of this amount, \$103 million was spent on construction while the remaining \$12 million was spent on equipment purchases. The capital expenditure estimate is based on survey responses by New Mexico businesses that indicated they had expanded their businesses due to the increase in New Mexico film production activity assumed to result from the continued support of the film tax credit program. The \$100 million Albuquerque Studios accounts for more than 85% of total capital expenditures in 2007.

As shown in the first column of Table 3, the construction and equipment expenditures described above generated \$42 million of direct personal income and 930 direct jobs in 2007. Including

³ The ratio of the total impact to the direct impact is referred to as the economic multiplier. For output, the multiplier is 1.65. In other words, one direct job in the film production industry creates 0.65 additional jobs (indirect and induced) for a total of 1.65 new jobs.

⁴ The survey was conducted by the State Film Office in the fall of 2008.

indirect and induced economic impacts, the total economic impact of capital expenditures in 2007 was an estimated \$188 million of economic output, \$76 million of personal income, and 1,553 jobs.

Table 3 Impact of Capital Investments in Studios and Equipment

Capital Investment Impacts	Direct	Indirect	Total
Output (\$Millions)	\$115.1	\$73.3	\$188.3
Income (\$Millions)	\$41.8	\$33.8	क 100.3 \$75.6
Employment	930	623	1 553

The Impact of Film Tourism Spending in New Mexico

Tourism bureaus in other states and countries have reported increases in tourism after the release of a film or television series that was filmed in their jurisdiction. A study recently completed for the New Mexico Tourism Department presents the results of a survey of New Mexico tourists conducted in November 2008 that shows films and television shows shot in New Mexico have a significant impact on tourism in the state. The survey indicates that total trips to New Mexico by tourists increased by 4.3% due to visitors' familiarity with films produced in New Mexico and that the length of the average tourist's stay in New Mexico increased by 1.2% due to interest in seeing locations where movies were filmed or other film-related attractions. Combining the effects of the increased number of tourists and the increased length of visits to New Mexico, film-related tourism accounted for an estimated 5.5% of total New Mexico tourism expenditures in 2008.

Because film tourism in 2008 was the result of films that were shot in New Mexico every year prior to 2008, the impact of 2008 film tourism cannot be attributed entirely to films that were produced in New Mexico during a single year. To account for the delay between the time a film is produced and the impact of that film on film tourism, the survey provides information about which films tourists recalled seeing. The responses show that 84% of survey respondents had seen films that were released in 2007 or 2008. Films produced in New Mexico during 2007 and 2008 include "No Country for Old Men," "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," "3:10 to Yuma," and "Wild Hogs." The other 16% of respondents indicated that they had seen films that were produced prior to 2007.

Based on the delay between the year in which films are produced in New Mexico and subsequently generate tourism, the analysis assumes that film production expenditures in 2007 first generate tourism spending in 2008. In 2009, films produced in 2007 are assumed to have less of an impact on tourism, 75% of their first-year impact. In 2010, films produced in 2007 are assumed to have only 50% of their first-year impact and by 2011, those films are assumed to have only 25% of their first year impact. The estimates also assume that after four years, films have no impact on film tourism.

Table 4 shows the estimated impact of films produced in 2007 on tourism expenditures in 2008-2011. Line A shows the annual spending on film productions based on Figure 2, assuming that the 2007 level of activity continues in 2008-2011. The annual amounts on Line A are added to prior years to calculate cumulative spending shown in Line B. Line C shows the cumulative impact of film spending, adjusted to remove a portion of spending from prior years following the same "decay" pattern described in the previous paragraph. This provides an annual estimate of the film spending that is influencing tourism through 2011. Line D shows the expected pattern for the influence or impact of 2007 film production activities on movie tourism in future years. Line E presents the percentage of total cumulative film production expenditures that is assumed to have an impact on film tourism spending in each future year (calculated as Line D divided by Line C). This percentage is multiplied by Line F, the estimated film tourism expenditures each

⁵ Southwest Planning & Marketing and CRC & Associates, "The Impact of Film Tourism on the State of New Mexico," December 2008.

year, 5.5% of total New Mexico tourism spending (held constant at the 2007 level). Line G presents the impact of 2007 productions on film tourism spending in each year. The amounts shown on line G are then discounted to 2007 at 5%. The sum of the discounted 2008-2011 incremental tourism spending estimates shown on Line G equals the value of the estimated film-related tourism spending impacts of the 2007 film activities in New Mexico.⁶

Table 4
Estimation of the Impact of Film Tourism from 2007 Film Productions (\$mil)

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Year of Film Production/ Year of Tourism Spending	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011
A. NM Film Production Activity (Qualified and Non-Qualified) – 2009 and 2010 estimated	\$29	\$24	\$144	\$223	\$253	\$252	\$252	\$252
B. Cumulative Total NM Film Production Activity	\$29	\$53	\$197	\$420	\$673	\$924	\$1,176	\$1,428
C. Cumulative Total NM Film Production Activity Assuming Greater Impact from Recent Films**	\$29	\$46	\$176	\$350	\$498	\$589	\$622	\$629
D. 2007 Spending Affecting Film Tourism**					\$253	\$190	\$126	\$63
E. % of Film Tourism Spending in Year Resulting from 2007 Film Productions (line D divided by line C)					51%	32%	20%	10%
F. Total Annual Film Tourism Spending Attributable to Recent Films (assumed to remain constant from 2008 level)					\$161	\$161	\$161	\$161
G. Film Tourism Spending Impact from 2007 Productions*** (line E times line F)		·			\$82	\$52	\$33	\$16 .

^{*}Assuming 1-year lag between film production and film release.

Table 5 presents the estimated direct and indirect impacts of film tourism based on the estimated \$166 million in film tourism expenditures resulting from 2007 production expenditures. These tourism expenditures are estimated to generate \$69.7 million in personal income and

^{**}Assuming 100% of spending for films produced in the prior year affects tourism, 75% of spending for films produced two years prior, 50% of spending for films produced 3 years prior, and 25% of spending for films produced 4 years prior.

***Annual impacts are discounted at 5% to estimate the total 2007 film activity impacts on future tourism spending. Discounted tourism expenditure is equivalent to \$165.9 million of 2007 tourism expenditures.

⁶ A key parameter used in determining the impact of film production activity in 2007 on film related tourism expenditures in later years is the ratio of film tourism spending during the current year to the value of film production activity that occurred in the four prior years, adjusted to more heavily discount spending that occurred in the earliest years. Going forward, the ratio of additional film related tourism expenditures to film production expenditures could decrease due to increasing production expenditures or decreasing film-related tourism expenditures. If there is no growth in total tourism spending or change in the percentage of tourism spending attributable to film tourism, as the stock of film production expenditures increases in future years, the ratio of film tourism to film production expenditures will decrease. The 2008 ratio of film-related tourism expenditures (\$161 million) to cumulative adjusted film production spending (\$498 million) was 32%:

2,839 jobs. Including the direct and indirect film tourism impacts, the total personal income impact of film tourism is \$124 million and 3,827 jobs.

Table 5
Economic Impact of Film Tourism

Film Tourism Spending	Direct	Indirect	Total
Output (\$mil)	\$165.9	\$119.2	\$285.2
Income (\$mil)	\$69.7	\$54.3	\$200.2 \$124.0
Employment	2,839	989	3.827

Total Economic Impact of the Film Production Tax Credit Program

As shown in the sections above, the film production tax credit program generates additional jobs, income, and economic output in three areas: film production spending, capital investments related to the film industry, and film tourism spending. Table 6 below shows the total impact of the film production tax credit program incorporating these three impacts.

Table 6
Total Impact of the Film Production Tax Credit Program

Total Impact	Direct	Indirect	Total
Output (\$mil)	\$533.8		
Income (\$mil)		\$358.1	\$891.8
	\$314.4	\$173.1	\$487.5
Employment	5,989	3,221	9,209

Fiscal Impacts of the Film Production Tax Credit Program

The economic activity created by film production spending, capital investment activities, and film tourism generates significant state and local tax revenues. Except where noted, the New Mexico state and local tax impacts were estimated based on the historical ratio of tax collections to personal income.

Fiscal Impact of Film Production Activities

The fiscal impact of film production activity was estimated based on the estimated economic impact (measured by personal income) of film production activity and the ratios of tax collections to personal income. Gross receipts and individual income taxes were estimated directly from film production spending and income paid to employees of the film productions.

The direct state individual income tax impact was estimated assuming that the personal income of below-the-line employees would be taxed at the average ratio of individual income tax collections to New Mexico personal income. Based on the average earnings of above-the-line employees, a marginal rate of 4.3% was applied to 75% of personal income assumed to be subject to tax.

The direct state gross receipts tax (GRT) impact was estimated assuming that qualified New Mexico film production expenditures on purchased goods and services (including payments to actors through a super loan-out arrangement) would be subject to the 5% state tax rate. The impacts further assume that the film production spending would not occur in a tax increment district.

As shown in Table 7 below, the estimated direct state tax impact of film productions in 2007 was \$16.4 million. Indirect taxes impacts account for an additional \$6.1 million of estimated state tax collections, resulting in \$22.6 million of total state tax impacts. At the local level, an estimated \$6.8 million of direct local tax collections and an estimated \$2.8 million of indirect tax collections were generated by film production activities, resulting in a total local tax impact of \$9.6 million. Total state and local taxes increased by \$32.2 million.

Table 7
Estimated Fiscal Impact of Film Production Activities, 2007 (\$mil)

State	Direct	Indirect	Total
Gross Receipts	\$6.8	\$2.5	\$9.3
Individual Income	5.4	1.8	7.2
Corporate Income	1.2	0.5	1.7
Other	3.1	1.3	4.3
Total State Taxes	\$16.4	\$6.1	\$22.6
Local	Direct	Indirect	Total
Property	\$3.1	\$1.3	\$4.5
Gross Receipts	2.8	1.2	4.0
Other	0.8	0.3	1.2
Total Local Taxes	\$6.8	\$2.8	\$9.6
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Fiscal Impact of Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures generated an estimated \$3.2 million of direct state taxes and \$2.4 million of indirect state taxes. Capital expenditures were assumed to be subject to the state gross receipts tax at 5% and a local tax rate of 1.875%. However, all of the capital expenditures are assumed to occur in the Mesa del Sol Tax Increment Development District that diverts 75% of the incremental tax revenue generated by projects within its boundaries to local districts. The estimated gross receipts tax impact of the capital expenditures have been adjusted to remove 75% of the gross receipts impact and reallocate that amount to local districts. All other direct tax and all indirect tax impacts were estimated based on the estimated incremental personal income impacts and the historical ratio of tax collections to personal income.

As shown in Table 8, the capital expenditures are estimated to generate an additional \$5.9 million of direct and \$1.1 million of indirect local taxes. Capital expenditures generate \$12.7 million of additional state and local taxes.

Table 8
Fiscal Impact of Capital Expenditures (\$mil)

State	Direct	f	
Gross Receipts		Indirect	Total
Individual Income	1.4	1.0	2.5
	0.9	0.7	1.6
Corporate Income	0.3	0.2	0.5
Other	0.6	0.5	
Total	\$3.2	\$2.4	1.1 \$5.6
Local	Direct	Indirect	Total
Property	\$0.6	\$0.5	\$1.2
Gross Receipts	5.1	0.5	Ψ1.2 5.6
Other	0.2	0.1	0.3
Total	\$5.9	\$1.1	\$7.0
State and Local	\$9.1	\$3,6	\$12.7

Fiscal Impact of Film Tourism

As shown in Table 9, film tourism generated an estimated \$12.0 million of direct state taxes and \$3.9 million of indirect state taxes, resulting in \$15.9 million of total additional state tax collections. Film tourism also generated an estimated \$7.0 million of direct local taxes and \$2.8 million of indirect local taxes. Combined state and local taxes increase by \$25.7 million.

Table 9
Fiscal Impact of Film Tourism (\$mil)

State	Direct	Indirect	Total
Gross Receipts	\$9.0	\$1.6	\$10.7
Individual Income	1.5	1.1	2.6
Corporate Income	0.4	0.3	0.7
Other _	1.0	0.8	1.9
Total State Taxes	\$12.0	\$3.9	\$15.9
Local	Direct	Indirect	Total
Property	\$3.1	\$1.3	\$4.5
Gross Receipts	3.0	1.2	4.0
Other _	0.8	0.3	1.4
Total Local Taxes	\$7.0	\$2.8	\$9.8
State and Local Taxes	\$18.9	\$6.7	\$25.7

New Mexico Public Return on Film Production Tax Credit Program

For the State of New Mexico, the public's return on investment in the film production tax credit program can be measured by the revenue received through higher state taxes per dollar of state expenditure on film tax credits. Additional taxes generated by the film tax credit occur in 2007 due to film productions and capital expenditures by film studios. The present discounted value of additional state taxes generated by higher film-related tourism spending in the 2008-2011 period is also included in the revenue impacts.

Table 10 presents the rate of return calculations if the present value of the future taxes related to tourism are added to the revenue generated by 2007 film productions and capital investment occurring in 2007. It should be noted that the estimates of the future tourism-related tax revenues are based upon information from a single survey and incorporate projected film tourism activity through 2011. For this reason, this component may be less reliable than the impact estimates for the film production and construction impacts.

Table 10
2007 State Return on Investment in Film Production Tax Credits Program, including Film Production, Capital Investment and Tourism Activities

A. State fiscal impact from film production, capital investment, and tourism (\$mil)	
	\$44.1
B. Discounted 2008 value of state film tax credits accrued to 2007 (\$mil)	\$47.1
C. State return on investment from 2007 and future tax revenues attributable to 2007 film productions (line A divided by line B)	0.94
D. State and local fiscal impact from film production, capital, investment and tourism (\$mil)	\$70.5
E. State and local return on investment from 2007 and future tax revenues attributable to 2007 film productions (line D divided by B)	1.50

As shown on line A of Table 10, additional state taxes from the three components is estimated to be \$44.1 million. Given the \$47.1 million cost of the credit in 2007 shown on line B, the state earns \$0.94 for each \$1.00 of credits accrued during 2007. Taking into account the tax impact of film tourism generated in 2008-2011, local governments earn \$0.56 for each \$1.00 of film tax credits. These additional local tax impacts bring the combined state and local return on investment to \$1.50 (line E) for each \$1.00 of state film tax credits.